

SALINE AREA SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

BUS RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations listed below have been developed after careful study of our experiences in operating the Transportation Department of Saline Area Schools. Parents, please go over these rules and regulations with your children so they will know what is expected of them when they ride the bus. Your cooperation and courtesy will allow us to better serve your children's transportation needs.

1. Be at your designated bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and remain off the roadway while waiting for the bus. Buses cannot wait for tardy students. Students should be visible at the stop, not waiting in the house or garage.
2. Students crossing the road will wait for the driver's HEAD NOD as a signal to cross. Walk in front of the bus when crossing the road or highway. Do not walk in back of the bus.
3. Remain seated while the bus is in motion. Compartmentalization is most effective when students are sitting properly in their seats. For more information please visit:
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_6569_38338---,00.html
4. Enter or leave the bus only at the front door, except in the case of an emergency.
5. No one may leave the bus without the bus driver's permission, except at home or at school. No unauthorized stops will be made. All Students must have written permission for the bus driver from their parents to be dropped off at any place other than home.
6. All buses may be required to seat up to 71 or 77 passengers, whichever is applicable. Sit three in a seat, filling the back seats in first when conditions require it. Keep your feet off of the seat cushions and backs, and out of the aisles. All belongings, including band instruments, are required to be held on the student's lap during transportation. Keep your head, arms, hands and legs inside the bus.
7. The bus driver should not be distracted by unnecessary or disturbing noises while the bus is in motion.
8. All items that are prohibited from school buildings and grounds are also prohibited from transportation (i.e. animals, insects, reptiles, sleds, skateboards, etc.). See school handbook for complete list.
9. Eating and drinking of beverages are not allowed.
10. Pupils may not possess, consume, or use the following on the bus: Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, drugs, cigarette lighters, matches (or other flammable items), laser lights, weapons (i.e. guns, knives, etc). Any disciplinary action will be assigned by a transportation supervisor and your building principal.
11. Fighting, pushing, shoving, throwing, or other rowdy behavior will not be tolerated. Use of profanity or vulgar language is not acceptable.
12. Please report to the bus driver any damages you observe. If a student damages the interior or exterior of the bus, he/she will be responsible for payment of repair costs of these damages.
13. Taking of pictures and/or videos on the bus is strictly prohibited. ~~Please refer to board policy 8740.~~
14. Keep electronic equipment packed away when preparing to board and exit the bus. Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds or earphones while boarding or exiting the bus. You may wear ear buds once seated on the bus but the volume must remain low enough that those around you cannot hear. Refusing to comply will result in ear buds being confiscated.
15. Never stop to get mail from the mailbox until the bus has moved and traffic is flowing again.
16. At any time, if the bus horn sounds, this is a signal for danger and you should react quickly to the bus driver's directions to avoid injury.

Remember, school bus transportation is a privilege - not a right. Parents will be notified by means of a bus violation notice if there is continuous misconduct on the bus. . Transportation information is available by calling the Transportation Office at 401-4479.

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